



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**SHARING
IS
CARING**

July 25, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

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PRELUDE: “My Jesus, I love Thee”, arr. Robert Powell

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*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Neil Wasilk, Leader)*

Leader: This is the hour to bend our knee before God.
This is a time to offer our best to our Creator.

People: **We gather before God, who sees all our deeds.
We open our hearts to One who knows
all our thoughts.**

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”
We come together proclaiming, “God is with us!”

People: **We come to be strengthened in our inner being.
We seek to pattern our actions after Christ Jesus.**

Leader: God's presence evokes our joyous worship.
The Holy Spirit empowers our service.

People: **To God be highest glory in the church.
To God be endless adoration in the world.**

Amen. **Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #375 “*Jesus Calls Us*”

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THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

We are seeking after you, loving God, for you are our refuge. Your power is at work within and among us, even when we are unaware. We want to respond, not as fools, but as faithful friends of Jesus. We have come to discover the riches we did not know we possessed. We are here to offer our best for the good of all. Use us, we pray; to accomplish in and through this church, far more than we can ask or imagine. All glory be to you, amazing God, in this and every hour, forever and ever. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #622

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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PSALTER LESSON PSALM 14 *(Neil Wasilk)*

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob
will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #381 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 6:1-21 *(Neil Wasilk)*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be

lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus” Performed by Caroline Wolfe

Arr. Caroline Wolfe Text and Music: Haldor Lillenas (Not published.) Used by/with permission
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SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: “MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “Warum sollt' ich mich den grämen”,
Johann Gottfried Walther

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*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication
praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye Heavenly host; **
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #441 *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Grand Dialogue”, Louis Marchand

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**Everyone is Welcome! Feel at home,
for Christ Jesus is our host.**

The Psalmist sings: *“Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise.”*

We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend.

WORSHIP TEAM

Senior Pastor	Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Zoom Projector	Jennifer Wasilk
Organist	Daniel Jacky
Scripture Reader	Neil Wasilk



Ushers Needed

Please note there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall outside Kaye's office. If you are able and willing to serve, please sign your name by any date(s) that you are available. Thank you in advance for serving! *Sincerely, Al Murphy*

St. Peter's Preschool Update

The Preschool parent night in the Sanctuary is Aug. 23 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. and Preschool Open House is Wed., Aug. 25 from 4-7:30 p.m. in the Preschool wing. *Thank you, Wendy Kosakowski, St. Peter's Preschool Director.*

"Backyard VBS" - Totally Tubular!

We will be heading back to the 80s this year with a "backyard VBS" where participants do the activities in their own backyard and/or home. Information on the parent portal for the videos, songs, and information will be sent to participants in early to

mid July and supplies will be provided during a “drive up” at the portico in early July. Once adults register their children, they will receive further information and dates! Parents/grandparents/guardians can email the church at dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org or call the church office at **440-988-4965** and leave information for us to contact them including name and an email address.

Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris – Everyone Invited!

Everyone is invited to join together at Arabica’s, 254 Park Ave., Amherst, **every Wednesday** from **9-11:00 a.m.** This will be a great time for socializing with others, and getting to know Pastor Chris a little better! Come for breakfast, coffee, or just to catch up. *We hope to see you on Wednesdays!*

New CDC Guidelines for Church

Council has made the decision to open slowly and carefully with precaution, guided by the CDC and the state of Ohio guidelines. Based on science and local Covid data we will make determinations on how to proceed while keeping our congregation safe.

Beginning June 27th, vaccinated people may enter the sanctuary without a mask; unvaccinated individuals are asked to continue to wear a mask. We will continue to social distance in the marked pews, with families allowed to sit together. Hymnals, pew cards, passing of the collection plate and communion may be reintroduced at a later date. *Please wear your mask if you want to sing aloud.* Elbow bump and the peace sign are acceptable forms of greeting; no hand shaking. We ask that you socialize outside in the parking lot. This is a fluid situation and may possibly change from week to week.

And thanks to all of you for your continued patience and generosity of spirit as we work together in these challenging times to do our part in God's ministry.



**FOOD PANTRY – *If you can't feed
a hundred people, then feed just one.***

The Food Pantry is currently in the need of the following items:

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| Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken) | Kleenex | Paper Towels |
| Canned Soup (Pop top lids) | Spaghetti Sauce | Pasta |
| Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids) | Peanut Butter | Jelly |
| Mac & Cheese (Microwavable) | Oatmeal Cereal | |

Please leave your donations in the drop of boxes at the church.

Love Your Neighbor






Saint Peter's

June 13, 2021 - Outdoor Service

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St. Peter's is on YouTube!

Please be sure to visit our YouTube channel ~ **St Peters UCC Amherst** ~ and be sure to click the SUBSCRIBE button. Then share our channel with your friends! The more subscribers we have, the greater our visibility on YouTube and the more we share the good news! 

Sunday Morning Zoom Worship

For our Zoom worship you will join one another through a free video and audio conference application. Download the Zoom app to your smartphone, computer, or tablet and use the meeting login below:

Join from Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205

Join Zoom Meeting from computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/5244113917?pwd=aEJEcGhWUUh2dTV4eGJBSDZIUWgwdz09>

OR Call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205





This Week's Events

- Mon., July 26 Spiritual Life 1-4 PM
 Craft Club 6:30 PM Fireside Room
- Tue., July 27 Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
- Wed., July 28 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11 AM
 Arabica Coffee in Amherst
- Sun., Aug. 1 Sunday Worship Service (Communion) 10:00 AM

How To Reach Us

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